

1 CLAIM LISTING

2 1. through 23. (Canceled)

3 24. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

4 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
5 system;

6 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

7 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

8 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
9 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

10 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
11 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
12 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

13 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and

14 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein  
15 the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first  
16 progressive jackpot.

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18 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein increasing the first progressive  
19 jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the  
20 wager, and

21 wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second  
22 progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger  
23 than the first percentage.

1 26. (Previously Presented) A gaming method further comprising:  
2 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
3 system;  
4 receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
5 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
6 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
7 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;  
8 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
9 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
10 amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
11 paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random  
12 gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least the second  
13 wager amount.

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15 27. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:  
16 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
17 system;  
18 receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
19 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
20 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
21 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

1                   paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
2                   progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
3                   amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4                   resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after  
5                   paying the first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second  
6                   predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and  
7                   wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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9           28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the second predetermined reset  
10           amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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12           29. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:  
13                   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
14                   system;  
15                   receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
16                   providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
17                   paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
18                   jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;  
19                   paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
20                   progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
21                   amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
22                   the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

1       30. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:  
2           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
3           system;  
4           receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
5           providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
6           paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
7           jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
8           paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
9           progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
10          amount being larger than the first wager;  
11          wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;  
12          wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming  
13          machines; and  
14          wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager  
15          received by any unique linked gaming machine.

1       31. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:  
2           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
3       system;  
4           receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
5           providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
6           paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
7       jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
8           paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
9       progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
10      amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
11           wherein the wager activates a single [play line] payline for a gaming machine [receiving  
12      the wager].

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14       32. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:  
15           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
16       system;  
17           receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
18           providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
19           paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
20       jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
21           paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
22       progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
23       amount being larger than the first wager amount;

1       wherein the wager activates a plurality of [play lines] paylines for a gaming machine  
2       [receiving the wager].

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4       33. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:  
5           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
6       system;  
7           receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
8           providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
9           paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
10      jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
11           paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
12      progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
13      amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
14           wherein a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the second wager amount is  
15      identical to a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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17       34. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:  
18           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
19       system;  
20           receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
21           providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
22           paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
23      jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

1                   paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
2                   progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
3                   amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4                   wherein a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger  
5                   than a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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7                   35. through 70. (Canceled)

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9                   71. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

10                  a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

11                  a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
12                  jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

13                  wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

14                  wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
15                  is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first  
16                  wager amount;

17                  wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming  
18                  result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
19                  second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
20                  wherein in response to the detector receiving the wager, the gaming system increases the  
21                  first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase in the second  
22                  progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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1       72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 71, wherein the gaming system increases the  
2       first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system  
3       increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second  
4       percentage being larger than the first percentage.

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6       73. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:  
7            a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
8            a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
9        jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
10           wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
11           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
12        is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first  
13        wager amount;  
14           wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming  
15        result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
16        second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
17           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive  
18        jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is  
19        at least the second wager amount.

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21       74. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:  
22            a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

1 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
2 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

3 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
5 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first  
6 wager amount;

7 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming  
8 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
9 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

10 wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined  
11 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot  
12 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

13 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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15 75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset  
16 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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18 76. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

19 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

20 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
21 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

22 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

1       wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
2    is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first  
3    wager amount;

4       wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming  
5    result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
6    second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
7       wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

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9       77. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

10       a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
11       a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
12    jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

13       wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

14       wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
15    is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first  
16    wager amount;

17       wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming  
18    result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
19    second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

20       wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

21       wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming  
22    machines; and

1       wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager  
2       received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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4       78. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:  
5            a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
6            a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
7        jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
8            wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

9            wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
10      is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first  
11      wager amount;

12            wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming  
13      result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
14      second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
15            wherein the wager activates a single [play line] payline for [[a]] the gaming machine  
16      [receiving the wager].

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18       79. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:  
19            a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
20            a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
21        jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
22            wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

1       wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
2    is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first  
3    wager amount;

4       wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming  
5    result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
6    second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

7       wherein the wager activates a plurality of [play lines] paylines for [[a]] the gaming  
8    machine [receiving the wager].

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10      80. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

11       a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

12       a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
13    jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

14       wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

15       wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
16    is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first  
17    wager amount;

18       wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming  
19    result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
20    second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

21       wherein a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the second wager amount is  
22    identical to a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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1       81. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:  
2            a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
3            a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
4            jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
5            wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
6            wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
7            is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first  
8            wager amount;  
9            wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming  
10          result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
11          second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
12          wherein a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger  
13          than a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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15       82. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:  
16            a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
17            a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
18            jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
19            wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result; and  
20            wherein the gaming system pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the  
21            second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.  
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1       83. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector  
2 receiving a wager, the gaming system increases [[a]] the first progressive jackpot and increases  
3 [[a]] the second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is  
4 larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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6       84. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system increases the  
7 first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system  
8 increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second  
9 percentage being larger than the first percentage.

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11       85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:  
12            wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined  
13 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot  
14 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and  
15            wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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17       86. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset  
18 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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20       87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a  
21 single gaming machine.

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23       88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

1       wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;  
2       wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming  
3       machines; and

4       wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager  
5       received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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7       89. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector  
8       activates a single [play line for a] payline for the gaming machine [receiving the wager].

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10      90. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector  
11      activates a plurality of [play lines for a] paylines for the gaming machine [receiving the wager].

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13      91. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of [play lines] paylines  
14      activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of [play lines] paylines activated by  
15      a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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17      92. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of [play lines] paylines  
18      activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of [play lines] paylines activated by  
19      a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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21      93. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:  
22           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
23       system;

1 receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
2 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and  
3 paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot  
4 if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.

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6 94. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 further comprising the steps of:  
7 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and  
8 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the  
9 increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive  
10 jackpot.

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12 95. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 94, wherein increasing the first  
13 progressive jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the  
14 wager, and wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second  
15 progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than  
16 the first percentage.

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18 96. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, further comprising resetting the  
19 first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive  
20 jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount  
21 after paying the second progressive jackpot; wherein the first and the second predetermined reset  
22 amounts are larger than zero.

1 97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the second predetermined reset  
2 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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4 98. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the gaming system  
5 comprises a single gaming machine.

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7 99. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 wherein the gaming system

8 comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

9 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming  
10 machines; and

11 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager  
12 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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14 100. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the wager activates a  
15 single play line payline for a gaming machine [receiving the wager].

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17 101. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the wager activates a  
18 plurality of play lines paylines for the gaming machine [receiving the wager].

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20 102. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of play lines  
21 paylines activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines paylines  
22 activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager  
23 amount.

1 103. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of [play lines]  
2 paylines activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of [play lines] paylines  
3 activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager  
4 amount.